

people here today than we do sometimes during the week. I question why we have to pass over these issues because they get a little controversial.

SPEAKER: Well, I'll have to defer that question to the Speaker, I think. Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, in fact, Senator Rasmussen just asked me the same question and certainly as far as the Speaker is concerned, I am plenty willing to do it any way you desire, but just quickly here to give you a short bit of past history. Traditionally, on Friday, there are members absent and usually, I think, many more than on a regular day. Now it just so happens today I believe there are what, 44 of us here, however, we never know that in advance but over the past several years and I believe the former Speaker will agree with me, we have on Fridays, attempted to pick out non-controversial bills and take them up first, for two reasons; one is that we usually don't have the membership here that might be able to, on controversial bills, be definitely involved; secondly, sometimes the E&R initial runs out of work and we can move those bills across more or less rapidly. Now you will recall that last week Senator Carpenter drew up a list of what he considered non-controversial bills and so then I decided that the best way to do this would be to have Dr. Rogers in charge of our Research Department, go through the bills and find which ones had no opposition in committee and from his own experience, what would likely be non-controversial, but the truth of the matter is, we never know on any particular bill for sure whether or not it is non-controversial. Furthermore, some Senators like to amend these bills so as far as I am concerned, we can take these bills in absolute order every day of the week. This was simply an attempt to expedite our business a little bit but if it is not a good idea, if you don't want me to continue doing this, I'll be more than happy to comply. It's a matter of what the body wants to do and I think that some of the Senators who have had experience in this in the past, should have some input here.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow Members, I think this is a real good system. We have a number of purely simple housekeeping bills that won't have a chance of being heard this year and some of them need to be taken care of so we can take care of these on Friday. Last week we took care of I think, 23 or 24 of them in about an hour and a half and many of those necessary housekeeping bills would never have been taken care of otherwise. I think this is a good system.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Hasebrook.

SENATOR HASEBROOK: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I agree with Speaker Proud. Last year this was followed--not always on Friday but whenever we thought that there might be a chance to pick up some of the non-controversial bills and I think it's a good pattern to follow and I believe it does move some bills and then we have a chance to get to the controversial bill and we know there is always plenty of those so it does move some bills on Friday.

SPEAKER: Now the issue is almost moot this morning anyway and we're about out of time. The Chair recognizes Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature. I have a bill that I propose to, or amendment for this bill and this was presented at committee hearing and I would ask unanimous consent to have this amendment of mine printed in the Journal. I know that the committee did not adopt the amendment so I would like to have it printed in the Journal--